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SUBJ: MORE REACTION TO SINO-SOVIET BORDER INCIDENT

1. COMMENTS BY SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND BY PRC MFA OFFICIALS
ON MAY 17 INDICATE THAT WHILE USSR IS BENDING OVER BACKWARDS
TO DOWNPLAY BORDER INCIDENT THE PRC HAS DECIDED TO EXTRACT
THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PROPAGANDA VALUE FROM IT.

2. IN PRE-DEPARTURE CALL BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV ON

FRG AMBASSADOR WICKERT EVENING OF MAY 17, TOLSTIKOV
RELATED THE ACrimonious EXCHANGE HE HAD HAD WITH PRC VICE
FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN THE SAME DAY (YU CHAN'S PRESENTATION,
PLAYED UP IN PRC RADIO BROADCASTS AND PEOPLE'S DAILY ON
MAY 18, WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL), INDICATED THAT HE HAD
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AGAIN EXPRESSED SOVIET "REGRET" OVER THE INCIDENT, SAID
THAT SOVIET OFFENDERS HAD BEEN "DRUNK" AND WOULD BE
PUNISHED, AND VOLUNTEERED THAT SOVIET UNION MIGHT EVEN
PAY SOME DAMAGES TO THE CHINESE. HE STICK TO SOVIET
POSITION THAT NO CASUALTIES HAD BEEN INFLICTED ON CHINESE
INHABITANTS, HOWEVER.

3. BRITISH EMBOFF'S WHO SPOKE WITH MFA WESTERN EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON EVENING OF MAY 17, HOWEVER,
WERE TOLD THAT "SEVERAL" CHINESE HAD IN FACT BEEN KILLED IN
THE SKIRMISH. BRITISH HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CHINESE,
PERHAPS AS MANY AS THREE, MAY HAVE JUST DIED FOLLOWING
WOUNDS INFLICTED IN THE MAY 9 INCIDENT.
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